

Minutes of the Public Works Committee - May 27, 2004

Chair Manke called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. and led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend, Hank Carlson, Peter Gundrum, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, David Swan

Staff Present: County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis.Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

Also Present: Public Works Director Rich Bolte, Building Projects Mgr. Dennis Cerreta, Architectural Technician Mike Wells, Hazardous Materials Coordinator Leslie Williams, Engineering Services Mgr. Gary Evans, Sr. Civil Engineer Paul Barthel, Business Mgr. Betsy Crosswaite

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1. Esler mentioned a letter from Wolf Paving Co., Oconomowoc, regarding the 2004 Asphaltic Concrete Paving Program and why the county is doing their road resurfacing bid as a single consolidated bid. Esler said he talked to Gary Evans of the Public Works Department who said that only one bid is done for asphalt rather than a split bid.
2. Carlson said he keeps getting questions about the intersection of Good Hope and Townline Road as to what is going to happen to it. He also talked to Evans about this.
3. Manke said he would like to table Ordinance 159-O-018: Dispose of Building at 1120 Northview Road. He said this item was on the Health and Human Services Board agenda, and there was a discussion on what should be done with this house.
4. Manke referred to an article that appeared in the Capital Times (5/20/04) entitled, "Other Columnists: James Rowen: Leaders needed in battle against culture of alcohol."

Future Agenda Items

Singert said there has been a policy change by President Bush regarding reformulated gas. Singert said he thinks they are finally realizing that these fuels are unnecessary and not cost efficient. Singert indicated they probably will consider very quickly discontinuing reformulated gas in many areas including in this area. Later in the meeting the committee agreed that Singert should ask Congressman Paul Ryan to appear at a future meeting to discuss reformulated gas. Manke cautioned Singert that he should not, however, be giving his opinion versus the committee's. Singert said the only thing he would do is advise Ryan that he keeps up to date on what has transpired regarding this issue.

Approve Minutes of May 13, 2004

Motion: Singert moved, second by Behrend, to approve the minutes of 5/13/04. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Verbal Report from Executive Committee Member

Singert asked if the committee will continue to and is in the process of inviting the legislative delegation to future meetings so questions can be asked about TABOR and tax freezes. Manke said that was the intent. Esler said the Executive Committee will meet the Monday after next so there might be some legislators scheduled, but regarding TABOR we still haven't even seen what it is. Later in the meeting Esler reviewed pertinent items that were taken up at the last Executive Committee meeting of May 17, 2004.

Verbal Report from Committee Member Attending Airport Commission Meeting

Singert advised that at the meeting one of the high points of the Airport Manager's Report were the statistics showing a continuous upward curve in the use of jet fuel at the airport. It is in the 7-8% range per month. Operations are down but jet fuel continues to increase which is impressive and an indicator of how the airport is being used.

Approve Bids for Northview East End – Asbestos Abatement

Bolte, Cerreta, Wells, and Williams were present. Bolte stated every once in a while things do work out for the best. The bids for the entire project (asbestos and demolition) are under budget so they will not be coming back to ask for more money. **Motion:** Swan moved, second by Behrend, to approve the bids from Balestrieri Environmental & Development, Inc. at a base bid of \$132,210.

Swan said he remembers going on a tour of Northview three or four years ago and seeing many items, such as tables, chairs, extra stuff, etc. He asked have you ever thought of having a countywide rummage sale? Bolte said no, the stuff that has a use is handled by Purchasing by the Surplus Disposal of Property Ordinance. Items are offered to county departments first and then to the non-profit sector. What's left goes to the dumpsters. Swan said before the dumpsters we should give the stuff away free. Bolte replied it simply is not worth it. It's a liability and more of an expense than getting anything out of it. Disposal of county assets is a Board policy. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Approve Bids for Selective Demolition at the Waukesha County Northview Complex

Motion: Behrend moved, second by Carlson, to approve the bids from Walters Wrecking, Inc. in the amount of \$822,100 for the base bid.

Singert said he still questions the need for landscaping and trees, etc. He looked at the property after the last meeting, and the area is really protected by the trees in front. He thinks it should be leveled and filled with gravel to the same elevation as the asphalt parking lot that is there now. Bolte said there is a landscaping allowance in the project. Singert said he did ask the Sheriff about the garage. There are about 12 new doors on this very questionable building to protect the items that are inside. As to the north elevation, it is deteriorating and the building needs to come down. However, there isn't any place for the Sheriff to go with the items that are in the garage and a lot of money was spent on the new doors. Singert said because the wrecking ball, cat, and trucks will be on site, it would be a good time to level it.

Manke asked is there anything in the Five Year Maintenance Plan to upgrade the garage? Bolte said because the Sheriff cannot find another location for the items in the garage, it was decided not to pursue adding it into the project. When the outdoor storage building at Highway Operations is built, the Sheriff can use part of it, but it is not proposed until 2008 or 2009. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-018 Dispose of Building at 1120 Northview Road

Motion: Manke moved, second by Behrend, to table Ordinance 159-O-018 to a later date. **Motion carried 4 – 3; Behrend, Singert and Swan voting no.**

Consider Proposed Ordinance: 159-O-019 Transfer of Funds for Highway Project – CTH “DR”

Evans and Barthel were present. **Motion:** Behrend moved, second by Carlson, to approve

Ordinance 159-O-019. Evans explained the need for the appropriation of \$45,000 from the Highway Operations Fund for Capital Project 9316 – CTH DR, Bark River Bridge. The additional costs are driven mainly by the need to extend the bridge pilings deeper than had been originally anticipated. Discussion by the committee continued in regard to issues surrounding this project.
Motion carried 7 – 0.

Discuss 2003 Year-End Budget Monitoring Summary Report – General Fund Operations and Special Revenue Fund County/State Highway Maintenance for Public Works

Bolte and Crosswaite were present. Esler said the fund reports go to the Finance Committee but if there is any issue of interest, it is agendaized for the other standing committees. Esler mentioned the utility cost increase. Crosswaite said they are looking at those costs very closely both for this year and trying to project for 2005. The natural gas is a little high, but it is a tough thing to predict right now because generally the higher expenses are at the beginning and at the end of the calendar year. It can't be looked at it as a prorated 12 month expense. She stated that the building projects, another big cost within the general fund budget, are being monitored very closely by the Building Operations Manager and his two supervisors.

Crosswaite also covered the County/State Highway Maintenance Fund 400. To Esler's concern, she stated the way the 2003 budget was set up is primarily about equipment costs. The county side they budgeted the full equipment costs, such as repairs and maintenance, vehicle replacement and fuel costs. As they were reimbursed by the state for their equipment costs, they did an journal entry to show the state equipment costs on the state side and comparable revenues. In 2003 the auditors looked at it and made a recommendation of rather than doubling up the expenses of equipment, the true county expenses on the county side and the state expenses on the state side should be shown. Therefore, the two combined equal the full replacement, repair and fuel costs of the equipment. She stated that 2003 was budgeted at 1 ½ times the expenses whereas 2004 is budgeted as the true cost of the equipment expenses. The committee continued to discuss and ask questions for a period of time.

Tour of Human Services Center

This item was held over to the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn: Gundrum moved, second by Swan, to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m.
Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodell L. Singert
Secretary

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